

NIXON TO GOLDA MEIR: U.S. TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING ISRAEL

'Ready to meet Egypt' Discuss moves for peace

By SAM LIPSKI, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—The White House announced yesterday that President Nixon had assured Prime Minister Golda Meir at their meeting yesterday of continued United States economic and military support.

Speaking to reporters after the 100-minute meeting, Presidential Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said the talks had dealt with ways to move towards peace in the Middle East.

The talks were conducted in a friendly atmosphere and were candid and useful to both sides, Mr. Ziegler said. Mrs. Meir expressed appreciation for past American assistance and described Israel's military and economic position.

Mr. Ziegler said he could not say anything about the prospects for a settlement in the Middle East but both Israel and the United States had agreed to maintain contact.

In answer to questions from reporters, Mr. Ziegler rejected suggestions that the U.S. was not as strongly committed to Israel's support in the past. "I would not want to leave that impression at all," Mr. Ziegler said.

Mrs. Meir said after her meeting with President Nixon that she had "no regrets about this visit to the U.S."

"There are no arguments between the U.S. and Israel," she said. "I can say as before that we have a good friend at the White House."

It was learned that President Nixon did not make any demands on Mrs. Meir for any display of Israeli "flexibility" or any change in Israel's bargaining positions, as previously announced by the Israeli Government.

American officials have reportedly not conveyed any substantive change in the policy of Egypt or Jordan to Mrs. Meir as a result of the conversations held in recent weeks with Egypt's official envoy, Hafez Ismail, and Jordan's King Hussein.

In addition to questions on the Middle East and bilateral matters, the issues affecting Jews in the Soviet Union, Iraq, and Syria have been raised during Mrs. Meir's meetings at both the State Department and the White House.

The White House meeting, Mrs. Meir's fourth with President Nixon, opened in a relaxed mood as the two leaders exchanged views on the demands made on their time by meetings and visitors. Both agreed that their best work was done late at night.

Taking part in the discussions with Mrs. Meir were Israel Ambassador to the U.S. (Continued page 2, col. 5)



President Nixon gestures as he talks with Prime Minister Golda Meir at the White House yesterday. The President was host at a dinner he gave in Mrs. Meir's honor last night.

gother for talks. In approaching direct or indirect talks Israel was not drawing any maps. It was ready for withdrawal from the Suez Canal as part of an interim settlement but she regretted that such an agreement had not yet been implemented.

At the conclusion of her remarks Mrs. Meir thanked the correspondents for their kindness. She seemed relieved that the questions had not been sharper but her own approach to the Libyan airliner tragedy had helped to defuse the clouded public atmosphere surrounding the incident.

Mrs. Meir repeated Israel's account of the incident and emphasized that if it had been known that there were passengers aboard the plane would never have been forced down. She said all records of the incident were available to any country or international investigating body.

GOLAN AND SHARM
Answering questions about territory taken in 1967, Mrs. Meir said Israel could not leave the Golan Heights, and has to retain Sharm el-Sheikh.

Mrs. Meir said her government understood the prestige value which Egypt put on holding both banks of the Suez Canal. It formed a natural border, she said, "but we do not consider it a border we are bound to keep."

In answer to questions about the American role in the Middle East, Mrs. Meir said she welcomed the U.S. efforts at getting the parties together.

UNITED NATIONS (UPI). — The Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) decided yesterday to curtail Portugal's membership rights by excluding it from regional meetings and not providing it with certain documentation and communications.

The resolution was adopted 86-26, with 15 abstentions. Seven ICAO members were not present.

The measure was taken at the initiative of Senegal and 24 other nations, mostly of the African group, which argued that the Portuguese were maintaining colonial rule in their African territories of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea Bissau against the desires of the U.N.

Black September holds U.S. and other diplomats in Khartoum

DEMAND RELEASE OF SIRHAN, MEINHOF GROUP, TERRORISTS HELD IN JORDAN

BEIRUT.—Five diplomats of four different nationalities were seized and held hostage last night by Black September terrorists in Khartoum, the Sudanese national radio Omdurman reported. Among the hostages are the American Ambassador and chargé d'affaires, the Jordanian and the Belgian chargé d'affaires, and the Saudi ambassador, his wife and children, the radio, quoting the Sudan news agency, said in a broadcast monitored here.

The radio said the terrorists were demanding the release within 24 hours of all Arab women terrorists in Israeli prisons, the assassination of U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy, Sirhan Sirhan, the leaders of the Baader-Meinhof urban terrorist group in West Germany, 66 terrorists and Jordanian army plotters held in Jordan.

The terrorists include Mohammed Daoud Awad — "Abou Daoud" — a Fatah intelligence chief who was captured a fortnight ago while attempting to carry out sabotage activity in Amman and a Jordanian army colonel, Rafi el-Hidawi, and Mahmoud Khalil, both of whom were charged with conspiring against King Hussein's regime in a plot masterminded by the Libyans, the radio said.

The radio did not give the names or the number of terrorists who

broke into a Saudi Embassy reception and grabbed the hostages. The incident took place at 7 p.m. and the radio interrupted its programming 3 1/2 hours later to announce the news.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Charles Bray said that newly arrived U.S. ambassador Cleo Noel and George Moore, who headed the American diplomatic representation in the Sudan before Noel arrived, were seized at a reception given by the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia. Mr. Bray said that some members of the diplomatic community who were attending the reception have been released, but there were no details.

"The party was attended by a substantial but undetermined number of diplomats residing in Khartoum," Mr. Bray said.

"At some point in the reception a group of terrorists took control of the premises for purposes not yet entirely clear," Bray said.

President Jaffer Numairy late last night called his government to an extraordinary session to deal with the situation. The Sudanese radio interrupted its programming several times during the evening to ask senior Foreign Ministry officials to report to the Ministry.

The strike occurred as Sudan celebrated the unity festival, commemorating President Numeiry's agreement with the Anyanya rebels.

(Reuters, AP)

Viet plan initialled

PARIS.—Twelve Foreign Ministers from West, East and neutral nations yesterday initialled a nine-point blueprint for enduring peace in Vietnam.

They did so after the Communists said they would release 142 prisoners in Hanoi in just over 48 hours. A list of prisoners' names was handed over in Saigon yesterday afternoon.

The initialling by the 12 Foreign Ministers took place at the former Hotel Majestic conference centre at 5.35 p.m. The session lasted one hour.

The document, described as a "final act" of the conference, provides guarantees backed by the U.S., the Soviet Union, China and the other participating nations against any new major outbreak of fighting in Vietnam.

The declaration, pledging the 12 governments to keep the peace and to reconvene when any six of them lodge a complaint, is to be formally signed at a ceremony in the international conference centre at 3 p.m. today.

(UPI, AP)

New dollar crisis GERMANY BUYS RECORD \$2,700m.

FRANKFURT.—The West German central bank had to buy a record \$2,700m. yesterday as world money markets lurched into a new and sudden crisis only 16 days after President Nixon's 10 per cent devaluation.

Chancellor Willy Brandt ordered his financial advisors into urgent consultation with the U.S. and European allies.

"The bank had to buy \$2,700m.," Mr. Brandt told newsmen as he awaited the arrival of Britain's Prime Minister Edward Heath for financial and economic talks. "That has never happened before anywhere in the world."

Mr. Brandt summoned the advisors to a special "finance cabinet meeting" at the end of the dollar's worst day on European money markets.

Later, a Bonn government spokesman said that West German foreign exchange markets will be closed today.

In London, it was announced that the London foreign exchange market will be closed today in line with action taken in other Common Market countries. It was added that commercial banks would be free to

satisfy customers' foreign exchange requirements and deal with banks abroad.

The German dollar purchases, to prop up the sagging U.S. currency at its official floor of 2.3850 marks, easily surpassed the highest previous inflow here for one day of \$1,600m. on February 8, during the crisis leading up to the dollar devaluation on February 12. In terms of pure volume of support activity, yesterday marked the fiercest trading session in monetary history.

The new dollar crisis focused, as before, on West Germany's Frankfurt currency exchange. Currency dealers there estimated the central bank bought a record \$2,700m. unwarranted dollars from speculators to hold the floor price of the legal minimum — 2.3850 marks.

As soon as the central bank closed its business day, money traders dog clean-up business drove the dollar down to its lowest level ever in Germany, 2.82 marks.

The story was similar across Europe. The dollar dropped to its floor prices in Brussels, Amsterdam, Stockholm, and Copenhagen, bringing central banks in to support its price with emergency purchases.

In Bonn, Economics Minister Hans Friderichs told newsmen the best (Continued on page 4, col. 4)

Eban says 'evil spirit' mars Israel society

By YA'ACOV AEDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—Foreign Minister Abba Eban, addressing himself to Israel's domestic scene, yesterday deplored what he termed "outbursts of an evil spirit" in Israeli society which affect "the national style."

Speaking from a prepared text to 770 graduating students and faculty members at Haifa University, Mr. Eban said his criticism was of "national style" rather than of national policy. "I fear that mishaps caused by our style have multiplied as of late," he said.

"Let no one think that these reflections were provoked by the shock which hit the nation last week after a series of errors, including one on the Israeli side — which came to light only in retrospect," he said, referring to the Libyan plane disaster. "The question has been uppermost in my mind for a long time,

and I am sure I am not the only one to be thus concerned."

Calling for a searching look "at our collective self," Mr. Eban cited the following examples:

Following the Libyan plane tragedy, several editorial writers claimed defensively, "and falsely," that the world press had failed to vigorously denounce the Munich massacre.

The press was also "fed with unfounded material, denigrating the honour of a dead pilot. And when the truth emerges, no apology is promptly forthcoming from those responsible for this strange initiative."

"And our television shows the transfer of the coffin of the Libyan plane crash victims to Egypt, with the commentator drily describing the efficiency of the operation without giving any adequate expression (Continued page 2, col. 4)

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Inquiry of Libyan plane crash French probe to cover Egypt ground control

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The French aviation authorities are expected to gather information from Egypt — and perhaps also from Libya — as well as from Israel, on the circumstances which led to the Libyan plane tragedy last week. Knowledgeable observers told The Jerusalem Post last night that the information gathered by a three-man French fact-finding team now in Israel would be submitted, together with information collected in Egypt, to the French Civil Aviation Authority, which will then draft its conclusions.

CONVERSATIONS

The French will probably seek to obtain through their Embassy in Cairo the Egyptian record of the conversations between the French pilot of the ill-fated plane and Egyptian ground control, both before the plane crossed the Suez Canal and once it had entered Sinai airspace. Such information would help to help to understand why the plane was not intercepted by Egypt's own air force when it became clear that it was of course. The French aviation authorities do not intend to dispatch an investigation team to Cairo.

Yesterday, the three-man inquiry team in Israel went to the scene of the crash 20 km. from the Suez Canal. The team — the chief engineer of the French Civil Aviation Authority, Athanasios Goulet, the flight controller of the Authority, Jean-Claude Buck, and Air

France Captain Andre Gely — arrived in Israel on Wednesday night. Before they set out for Sinai they conferred with the French Ambassador, Francis Hure, who gave them a brief account of the airplane incident. Then they read through all the official announcements which were issued in Israel in the days following the crash.

The inquiry team are expected to meet with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and Transport Minister Shimon Peres. Yesterday they asked Israel Civil Aviation Authority head Yehuda Rabin to arrange a meeting with the O/C Air Force, Aluf Mordechai Hod.

The Attorney-General, Meir Shamgar, is handling the arrangements for the inquiry team to meet ministers and top Government officials.

The army will provide all possible help to aid the delegation in its investigations. This will include transport to the scene of the disaster, as well as explanations on relevant information. The army will also make available all transcripts of the information collected to date.

Reservist calls for inquiry into Sinai disaster

A young Jerusalem man yesterday applied for an order nisi which would call on the Minister of Defence to show cause why he should not set up a commission of inquiry into the Libyan plane disaster.

The applicant, Moshe Gabal, whose age and vocation were not given, stated in his application that, as an army reservist, he believed until now that the Israel Defence Forces were educated on the principle of the "purity of arms." The downing of the Libyan passenger airliner was a violation of this principle, he claims.

A three-judge panel of the High Court is to decide whether to grant the order. (Itim)

Two convicts escape from Eilat jail

EILAT. — Two convicted prisoners escaped from the Eilat police lock-up early yesterday morning after removing the air conditioner in their cell and escaping through the hole. They are believed to have left town in a stolen car.

The prisoners, Ya'acov Poslovsky, 21, of Tel Aviv, and Charley Peretz, 19, of Beit Shemesh, made their escape before they were due to have been transferred to a prison. Poslovsky had been sentenced to two years' imprisonment for possessing dangerous drugs, and Peretz to one year for stealing a car and driving without a licence.

Police set up road blocks throughout the town. Later yesterday morning a local resident reported his car, a Carmel, had been stolen. Police believe the two convicts stole the car and left town. (Itim)

NIXON AND GOLDA

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sador Yitzhak Rabin, the ambassador-designate, Simcha Dinitz, and for the U.S. presidential adviser Henry Kissinger, and his deputy, General Brent Snowcroft. President Nixon told Mrs. Meir that the White House dinner scheduled that night in her honour had caused him problems because so many guests wanted to come. "We are making 100 friends and 1,000 enemies," he said.

The President congratulated Mr. Rabin on his 51st birthday yesterday and said, "He could not be that old... we miss you... you are a great ambassador." Turning to Mrs. Meir, he said she should make good use of Mr. Rabin when he returns to Israel. "We will see how he behaves when he gets home," Mrs. Meir replied with a smile.

While Mrs. Meir and President Nixon met at the White House a small group of some 50 demonstrators protested against Israel and American policy in Lafayette Park, opposite the presidential residence. As police watched, the demonstrators walked in a large circle chanting pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel slogans. They carried placards calling on the U.S. "to get out of the Middle East," "Justice for the Palestinians," "Stop Israel attacks on the Arab people." Most of the demonstrators appeared to be Arab students.

The White House spokesman said the two leaders reviewed the present situation in the Middle East and ways to move towards peace and a candid exchange of views which, he said, he believed was useful to both sides.

Mr. Nixon said he felt the meeting with Mrs. Meir was very con-

Shortage of vegetables seen in next 2 months

TEL AVIV. — A Government official has warned the public to expect a vegetable shortage within a week — to last up to two months. The main items expected to be in scarcity are tomatoes, green peppers, and eggplant.

Avraham Brum, Director-General of the Agriculture Ministry, said in a radio interview last night that the effects of last December's nationwide frost were catching up with the country's vegetable supply. He said that efforts were being made to order potatoes from abroad so that at least this commodity would be in sufficient supply.

Amisragas strike ends

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — All 420 employees of Amisragas, who went on strike at the beginning of the week to press their demands for a new wage contract, returned to work yesterday. The District Labour Court issued an interim order instructing them to do so.

A decision on making the order final or dismissing it will be given within 10 days in order to allow the strikers and management to reach an out-of-court agreement. Management has claimed that the present contract forbids all strikes and sanctions until the end of 1974.

George Dabby, deputy director of Amisragas, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that he hoped all outstanding orders for gas balloons would be filled within a week.

'Christians for Moses' to combat 'Jews for Jesus'

By SARAH BONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Rabbi Meir Kahane of the Jewish Defence League and a non-Jewish young American yesterday announced they are setting up a "Christians for Moses" movement, whose main aim will be "missionary activity opposed to that of the 'Jews for Jesus' group."

The activities of the new "missionary" movement promise to be the exact equivalent of those of the "Jews for Jesus." There will be meetings at private homes and information drives outside embassies and consulates. "We will give the Christian missionaries a dose of their own medicine and act precisely as they do on the Mount of Olives and in Jaffa. Maybe then the authorities will reach the conclusion that missionary activity of any sort should not be permitted," Rabbi Kahane said.

He voiced full support for all recent anti-missionary attacks, saying the missionaries are attempting to convert "hundreds of Jewish children."

One of the founders of "Christians for Moses," 20-year-old John Cummings, an American Mormon, said he had become convinced that Moses should replace Jesus as the leading figure in Christianity when he visited the Western Wall. He arrived in Israel four months ago and plans to "dedicate his life to preaching the new faith."

He stressed that this does not mean he and his colleagues plan to

STORMY FINAL SESSION NRP convention urged to stiffen party's policies

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The National Religious Party's national convention met late into the night in a stormy session at the Cinemas Hall here, as the attention of the 700-odd delegates focused on two main issues. They were being asked, first, to bind their three Cabinet ministers to walk out of the Government coalition if the Labour-Mapam Alignment should seek to withdraw from Judea and Samaria.

Second, they were being asked to insert an ultimatum into their election platform which would make the N.R.P.'s joining the next government conditional on amending the controversial "Who's a Jew" legislation. Party stalwarts wish to make mandatory halachic conversion to Judaism for any convert seeking to receive Israeli nationality.

The minority proposal, moved by the Kibbutz Dati, sought to omit any ultimatum on the "Who's a Jew" issue.

A majority appeared to be emerging for an electoral alignment with the two ultra-orthodox parties, Agudat Israel and Poalei Agudat Israel, if they ceased their "unbridled slanderous" campaign against Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren.

The Youth Circles were in the forefront of the fight for adopting maximalist principles, with one of its leaders, Mr. Eliezer Shefer, declaring that "a religious party that can remain in a government that gives up Judea and Samaria, cannot represent our movement."

The opposing view came from for-

AFTER MIDNIGHT: NRP bars withdrawal

The National Religious Party convention last night unanimously resolved that "the N.R.P. will be unable to share Government responsibility if a peace programme is tabled involving the surrender of parts of the Land of Israel which is our ancestral heritage."

The convention called on the Government to advance the full economic integration of the economies of the territories and Israel. They also urged the transfer of all Jewish Holy places to the management of Jewish religious authorities.

The chairman of the political committee which framed the resolution, Dr. Yehuda Ben Meir, told The Jerusalem Post late last night that the resolution did not mean that the party's position on the territories would be a condition for the party's entering the coalition. But it would commit the N.R.P. to leave any government which agrees to withdraw.

which was the best position a moment. He objected to black party ministers' hands, especially when peace negotiations were not yet on the agenda.

A different note was taken by Yehuda Ben Meir, who said, "It's not enough to make peace declarations and just leave the territorial work of settlement in the hands of the Kibbutz Dati and our shav movement."

Social Welfare Minister Meir Hazani held that the social work efforts were needed to grant a ger, portion of the national income to the poorer groups. He said N.R.P. "should be the spokesmen of the poor." As they represent majority of N.R.P. supporters, party "and not the Black there," should speak out for them. (See Leader Page 1)

PAYIS WINNERS

The IL150,000 grand prizes in Miral Hapayis lottery were drawn yesterday by tickets No. 73794 494986. Number 599448 won IL50 and numbers 640486 and 72 won IL12,500. Tickets 009751, 06165919, 406793, won IL6,500. The ending in "1" won IL4.

The following won IL1,250: 089973, 117243, 128653, 204 224581, 268234, 281822, 283 342832, 343243, 347014, 368 582716, 642652, 644555, 680 727958, 734625, 786011, 404 and 436808.

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THE WEATHER
Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair, with the likelihood of local rain in the North.
Outlook for Saturday: Partly cloudy to cloudy, with likelihood of rain.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	65	9-13	6-14
Golan	100	7-11	4-12
Nahariya	89	9-17	7-17
Safed	71	7-12	4-12
Haifa	66	15-18	10-17
Tiberias	46	10-22	9-20
Nazareth	66	10-17	8-17
Afula	81	6-18	5-17
Shimonon	72	10-14	8-14
Tel Aviv	56	12-18	8-14
Lod	62	11-19	8-20
Jericho	39	11-26	10-26
Gaza	63	11-20	8-20
Beersehe	58	9-19	7-20
Eilat	66	17-26	12-31
Tiran	60	16-28	12-34

Social and Personal

Mikis Theodorakis, the Greek composer, yesterday visited the Knesset where he was received by Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek met yesterday at City Hall with the Mayor of Cincinnati, Mr. Theodor Berry, and presented him with the Jerusalem Medal.

The Philippine Consulate in Haifa has been raised to the status of Consulate-General and Mr. W. Ze'ev Salomon has been promoted to (honorary) Consul-General.

Dr. Kalman J. Mann, director of the Hadassah Medical Centre, has been elected chairman of the Association of Hospital Directors in Israel. Dr. M. Lavie, director of Ashdod Hospital, was elected Deputy Chairman, and Dr. M. Shani, director of the Sheba Medical Centre in Beersehe, Honorary Treasurer.

BIRTH
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IN MEMORIAM
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ARRIVALS
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Pickup truck driver killed in Sharon
HADERA. — A pickup truck driver was killed yesterday morning when his vehicle was struck from behind by a truck on the Haifa-Tel Aviv road. His truck swerved into the opposite lane where it was hit by a bus. The driver, Paul Neumann, 55, of Moshav Batza, was killed instantaneously. (Itim)

Two bomb threats
TEL AVIV. — Demolition experts yesterday searched a Rome-bound Italian airliner and the offices of the Turkish legation here for hidden bombs, police said.

The searches were prompted by anonymous telephone calls and yielded nothing. The plane took off after a three-hour delay.

THE NATIONAL RUGBY League will have a double-header tomorrow, with the Hebrew University's "A" team entertaining Ramat Gan "B" and Haifa town at home to Tel Aviv University. Kick-off times are 2 p.m. at the Givat Ram Grossberg Stadium and 2.15 p.m. at Neve Sha'anana, Haifa.

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Eban sees 'evil spirit'
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to the sincere feeling of shock which swept the nation," the Foreign Minister declared.
In another example, Mr. Eban recalled the air action against terrorists in Lebanon, in which Druse villagers were inadvertently killed. "When an authorizing Government spokesman admits the error and expresses his regret, an outcry is raised in the press, as if the dis-possession of Arabs from their lands is an unavoidable condition for the realization of the Zionist dream. This is simply libelous," Mr. Eban observed.
Mr. Eban's other examples: "In Nazareth, an Arab is killed, a Jewish woman badly beaten because of matters that concerned them alone... A Jewish group wants to impose its views not by persuasion or education but by the raised fist... police-pen letters are sent to Arabs and Druse born here, urging them to leave by offering them money... A group only recently arrived tries to sow dissent between Arabs and Jews in Hebron, endangering quiet co-existence nurtured with so much care... Within the largest political party, the editorial line of a publication is challenged, and the suggested remedy is not to face the ideas it offers, but to close the paper down."
Offering a psychological explanation of these manifestations, Mr. Eban suggested they came from a mood of defensiveness — as if Israel were a weak country subjected to danger and threats. "But this is only a half-truth," he said. "It is true that we are a target of threats and attacks, but it is also a fact that Israel, in the final analysis, is a firm and solid fact."
To counter "the evil spirit in our society," Mr. Eban urged a greater adherence to traditional Jewish values, such as the love of freedom, tolerance, equality and human brotherhood."

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Top left: With Henry Kissinger and Israel's Ambassador and Mr. Yitzhak Rabin at a cocktail reception at the Ambassador's residence.

Top right: Dinner at the Babier's. Around the table from left to right are Sen. Stuart Symington; Mrs. Meir; Sen. Abraham Ribicoff; Max Flaker, a long-time political associate of President Nixon; Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; and Dr. Kissinger (in profile).

Left: With Under Secretary of State Kenneth Rush, admiring the view from the top of the State Department building.

Bottom left: Congressman John Brademas of Indiana presents Mrs. Meir with a wood-inlaid likeness of herself as she attends a closed-door meeting Wednesday of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Chairman Thomas E. Morgan is at right, as other committee members look on.

Bottom right: With Defence Secretary Elliot Richardson at the Pentagon.



Eban to Austria, Italy's F.M. here this month

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Foreign Ministry announced yesterday that Foreign Minister Abba Eban's planned visit to Austria will take place toward the middle of this month. Mr. Eban will be replacing Austrian Foreign Minister Rudolf Kirchschlager's official visit to Israel last April.
The exact date of Mr. Eban's visit has not been released.
Later this month, Italian Foreign Minister Giuseppe Medici is expected in Israel on an official visit. Foreign Ministry sources said yesterday that no final date had been set for this visit and that Israel was awaiting final word from the Italian. The sources added that Mr. Medici was planning to postpone his visit.

TEL AVIV. — A police sergeant will take the witness stand in the District Court here next week to testify against two accused bank robbers — one of whom is his own son.
This was announced yesterday by the three judges hearing the case of Shimon Puni and Meir Ben-Lulu, accused of holding up the Bank Ha-po'alm in Azor last May and getting away with IL4,105.
In a surprise move, Assistant Tel Aviv District Attorney S. Shrager announced yesterday he was adding one more witness to the prosecution. It was Sami Puni, the son of Shimon Puni, who said it was not an easy decision to make, but the policeman's testimony was crucial to the prosecution's case. After the defence attorney ob-

jected that the law forbids a parent to testify against his child (except where violence of one against the other was involved) the judges retired to deliberate.
When they returned, the president of the court, Judge Ze'ev Zeitner, stated that the law permitted parents to testify against their children where any violence was concerned. "Armed bank robbery comes under the category of violence," the judge said.
Sami Puni will take the stand next week. (Itm.)

Hebrew Union College honours Pres. Shazar

Jerusalem Post Reporter
President Zalman Shazar was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Hebrew Letters yesterday by the Hebrew Union College (Reform).

In his acceptance address, the President said this degree completed for him "all the hues of the Jewish rainbow." He explained that he had previously been honoured by the Jewish Theological Seminary (Conservative), Yeshiva University (Orthodox), Herzliya Teachers College — all in New York — and by the Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University and Bar-Ilan University.
The President said his vision had always been of the Israel Presidency uniting around itself all the streams of Jewry and symbolizing for all of them the centrality of Israel in Jewish life. With the receipt of this degree from H.U.C. towards the close of his term of office, he had achieved this vision — on a symbolic level at least.
Mr. Shazar said he hoped that adherents of the various streams who came to Israel would seek "to take their place in the multicoloured rainbow rather than take the place of the rainbow."

The President spoke with warmth of the late President of H.U.C., archaeologist Nelson Glueck, who had been his personal friend. "He came from Cincinnati and taught us about the Negev and the Jordan."
H.U.C. President Dr. Alfred Gottschalk said of Mr. Shazar: "His concern for the whole People of Israel has set him above the frivolous disputes between Jew and Jew."
The degree award ceremony climaxed the week's deliberations of the H.U.C. Board of Governors. Yesterday evening Acting Premier Yigal Alon tendered a dinner for the Governors and their guests at the Knesset.

Cricket practice for 9th Maccabia starts Saturday

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Some 50 candidates for Israel's cricket team for the Ninth Maccabia will gather at Ashdod tomorrow for the first cricket practice of 1973.

Cricket is being included in the Maccabia sports programme for the first time in July's games. Competing along with Israel will be Australia, Britain, South Africa and the U.S.

The Israel Cricket Association's league and zonal competitions will get under way on April 21, with the participation of some 20 teams from Amiad to Yerusha.

A 5-DAY COURSE on computers in the building industry — for 25 architects, planners, contractors and others in the industry — ended yesterday at Netanya's Savion Hotel. The course, given by the Labour Ministry's Productivity Institute, taught the fundamentals of computer language and allowed the participants to try out some of their problems on one of the machines.

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Israeli research confirmed New use of heart drug combats psychosis

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — West German and French scientists have independently confirmed an Israeli investigation that massive doses of propranolol — a drug which influences heart activity — is a valuable tool in the treatment of certain types of mental illness.

This was reported yesterday by Prof. Avraham Atsmon of Beilinson Hospital, who headed a team of Israeli researchers at Beilinson and the Geha Mental Hospital. He was speaking to members of the American Medical Association, which yesterday wound up its scientific sessions at the Hilton Hotel here.

This is the first time the A.M.A. has ever gone abroad to hold a medical conference. Yesterday the delegates heard lectures on current work in progress at Beilinson, Sheba and Ichilov Hospitals.

Dr. Atsmon, reporting on the results of the first 44 mental cases treated, noted that 18 had shown "much improvement," 12 had shown "some improvement," and 14 had shown "no improvement." But the last were mainly patients with brain damage, or chronic schizophrenics whose nervous systems had been damaged.

The results were good in cases of acute schizophrenia, post-partum psychosis, and in the manic (excitation) stage of manic-depressive disturbances, Prof. Atsmon said.

He stressed that the drug should only be used by a trained medical team in a 24-hour intensive-care

hospital unit, since it causes side effects which could be dangerous if not caught immediately and brought under control.

He noted that, when use of the drug has stopped, the patients "reverted within hours" to their former state of psychosis. As long as they took propranolol under supervision they could leave the hospital within a few days of treatment, and return to a normal routine of life and work.

In another paper read earlier, Prof. Andre de Vries, also of Beilinson, reported on progress achieved at the Rogoff Laboratories in isolating the different active factors in snake venom, and on the attempts being made to produce a single serum to combat any type of snake poison.

Specific serums are already in general use in all Israeli hospitals, and if a patient is brought to hospital quickly enough his chances of surviving are very good, he said.

Another speaker, Prof. Fritz Dreyfuss of Ichilov Hospital, reported that the incidence of coronary heart disease had risen by two and a half times in Israel in the past 10 years. He said that heart disease, once rare among members of the Oriental communities, was now becoming more and more common, since they were apparently learning "Western" ways of life: overeating, nervous stress, and lack of exercise.

Other lectures were given by Professors Joseph B. Rosenfeld and Morris Levy, both of Beilinson, and Prof. Henry Neufeld and Prof. Bracha Ramot of the Sheba Medical Centre.

'500,000 Soviet Jews have applied to leave'

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some 500,000 Soviet Jews have applied for exit visas and so far. This was learned yesterday from a band of Jewish scientists recently arrived from Russia, who met at Tel Aviv University with delegates attending the current conference of the American Medical Association.

If the U.S.S.R. were to throw its gates wide open to Jewish emigration today, half a million out of a population of three million Soviet Jews would surge into Israel, the panelists stated.

Tel Aviv University President Yuval Ne'eman, who also heads the committee of Israeli academicians acting in defence of their Soviet Jewish colleagues, took the opportunity to urge the A.M.A. delegates to do their utmost to influence the Soviet authorities to let the Jews go. The Soviets, he stressed, should be made aware of the free world's insistence on the right of Soviet Jewish professionals to emigrate.

He showed the delegates a graph sent to him by a famous Moscow physicist in which he illustrated the effects of free world public opinion on the situation of Russian Jewry. When the noise of ordinary protest was low-pitched, the destination for the Soviet Jew was jail, according to the graph. Where the noise was loud, the line led to Israel.

Dr. Julia Shmukler, who, because of her fluent English, acted as chief spokesman for the five-man panel

of Russian immigrants, denounced the failure of Western Jewry to come to the aid of Soviet Jews. She recounted how she lost her job and was left destitute in Russia after applying for an exit visa. When she was at last allowed to leave, four months ago, she paid a visit to the U.S., seeking to mobilize Jews who could send food parcels to Soviet Jews who are now in "the same desperate straits" as she had been. But of the pledges she received, only 15 per cent were honoured.

100 French M.P.s deplore persecution of Arab Jewry

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — One hundred French parliamentarians, many of whom are seeking re-election to the National Assembly next Sunday, have signed a manifesto protesting against the persecution of Jews in Iraq and Syria.

The manifesto, which was drafted by the France-Israel Alliance, recalls that six Jews held in jail in Baghdad since last October are believed to have been executed. The document also protests against the systematic oppression of Syrian Jewry.

The signatories of the manifesto include members of all the major political parties except the Communists.

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Tow truckers' demonstration in J'lem today

By YITZHAK OREO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Garage Association plans to extend its strike protest demonstration of tow trucks parked in front of Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'ooma by lining up its entire national fleet of 300 vehicles there today. The I.G.A. plans to parade the fleet past the Knesset on Monday and to shut down its garages that day.

At 10.30 last night, there were a dozen tow trucks parked in the Binyanei Ha'ooma parking lot, facing the street. A big sign protested that the police had become "brokers" and had given a national contract to "an organization with only two tow trucks." This jeopardises the livelihood of 300 tow truck operators in all parts of the country, the sign said.

The tow-truck operators, who are members of the I.G.A., started their strike on Sunday in protest against the exclusive concession awarded by the police to the Magor Towing Company to remove cars wrecked in road accidents. Magor is not an I.G.A. member.

Police officials said last night that traffic was flowing smoothly on all roads despite the strike.

Assistant Commander Michael Bochner, spokesman of National Police Headquarters, said yesterday that despite I.G.A. statements no monopoly had been granted. There had been a tender and Magor had put in the lowest bid, IL20 compared to a bid of about IL30 to IL55 by the only other bidder, Shamgar, I.G.A.'s subscription road service, he said.

"Since we had the interest of the public in mind we gave the tender to the lowest bidder," he continued. "I.G.A. applied for two orders nisi in the High Court of Justice. The court not only turned them down but said the police had acted in the interest of the public. So I believe that they are not striking against the police but against the decision of the High Court of Justice."

Assistant Commander Bochner added that the court upheld the right of any car owner to choose his towing service. The police will call Magor, the company that won the tender, only when a car owner refuses to have his car towed or is incapacitated.

English-speaking Bnai Brith lodge installed in Jerusalem

The Albert Einstein Lodge — the first English-speaking Bnai Brith lodge in Jerusalem — was installed Wednesday night by the President of the District Grand Lodge, Judge Israel Levin. Charter members of this new lodge come from Australia, New Zealand, England, South Africa, the U.S., Rhodesia and Israel.

Mayor Teddy Kollek welcomed the new lodge, asking its members to participate actively in moulding "the new society being formed in Jerusalem," where the background of experienced citizens from English-speaking countries could help solve cultural and social problems.



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Peking asks Taiwan for talks on reunifying China

PEKING (Reuters). — Communist China's leaders yesterday invited the Nationalists in Taiwan to join them in open or secret talks on reunifying China — seemingly the start of a massive diplomatic offensive following the visit here of U.S. special envoy Henry Kissinger.

The olive branch was offered to the Nationalists by 80-year-old Fu Tzu-yi, former Nationalist military commander of Peking, who defected to the Communists and headed over the capital without a fight in 1949, the year of Chairman Mao Tse-tung's military victory.

What seemed to be the most direct approach ever made to the Nationalists since the foundation of the People's Republic also contained an indirect warning to the Taiwan leaders not to throw in their lot with the Russians — though the Soviet Union was not mentioned by name.

IN MAO'S NAME

Fu's appeal, symbolically made on Wednesday night in the Taiwan room of Peking's Great Hall of the People, was published yesterday in the Communist Party journal "People's Daily," and envoys here said the former Kuomintang general was obviously speaking for Chairman Mao and Premier Chou En-lai.

"It is now high time to unify the motherland," Fu said. "Let us come together and talk, the sooner the better."

Fu, who is vice-chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, said the Nationalists should send "some people" to the mainland if they were not prepared to enter into formal talks right away.

These people could come openly

Arab terrorists visit Peking

HONGKONG (Reuters). A 10-member Palestinian terrorist group led by Abu Maher arrived in Peking yesterday on a friendly visit, the New China news agency reported.

The group was met at the airport by Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Ho Ying.

Munir Ibrahim Amoud, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Peking, was also at the airport, the agency said.

It will also visit Saudi Arabia.

VISIT. — Nationalist Chinese

Finance Minister K.T. Li left Taipei

yesterday at the head of a nine-man

party for a week-long visit to

Jordan. The mission will help Jordan

plan its economic development. It

will also visit Saudi Arabia.

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Goalkeeper Gordon Banks receives hearty congratulations from Greek fans and players at the conclusion of his first-half contribution to Stoke City's 3-0 exhibition victory over Olympiakos in Athens yesterday. Banks, who suffered an eye injury in a traffic accident last year, was playing his first game since then. After the initial, Banks said the world's best soccer goalie before his injury — watched the rest of the match from the bench.

'M.E. solution must be found soon' Ismail tells Brandt

By BRIAN ARTHUR

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. Special Egyptian envoy

Fateh Ismail conferred with Chan-

cellor Willy Brandt for one hour

yesterday, winding up two days of

talks here on the Middle East situa-

tion.

Well-informed sources said the

Egyptian official left the impression

that Cairo clearly desires a peaceful

solution of the conflict with Israel.

But Mr. Ismail insisted a solution

must be found soon and warned of

the dangers of dragging out the

conflict for additional years, the

sources said.

He also rejected any "half-way

house" approach in the form of a

partial agreement which would leave

an overall settlement up in the air.

German sources carefully avoided

any undue optimism, but it seemed

that Mr. Ismail himself was

encouraged by his previous talks in

Moscow, London, Washington and

New York, before coming here.

The sources spoke of flexibility in

the Egyptian's position, and noted

that Mr. Ismail presented his case

"soberly and with dignity" and dis-

played the mark of an experienced

international negotiator.

The Germans made clear that

Bonn is in no position to mediate or

put forth any peace plans, but is

strongly interested in a just end to

the Middle East struggle in view of

the Mediterranean's significance for

European security and Europe's de-

pendence on Middle East oil.

Mr. Ismail's hosts pointed out

Bonn's desire for good relations with

all Middle East countries. They

stressed that this includes Israel,

sources here said.

There was general agreement that

growing cooperation between the

major powers in East and West in

the post-Vietnam war era was

favourable for moves towards peace

in the Middle East.

A government press release after

Mr. Ismail saw Chancellor Brandt

said the two men held an "exchange

of opinions" on the Middle East

situation. Mr. Ismail informed the

Chancellor of his previous talks in

Moscow and Western capitals, and

Mr. Brandt voiced Bonn's interest

in a "just solution" to the Middle

East struggle.

On Wednesday, Mr. Ismail con-

ferred with Foreign Office State

Secretary Dr. Paul Frank, in place

of Foreign Minister Walter Scheel,

who is recovering from a kidney

stone operation.

MILAN (AP). — President Tito

was quoted here yesterday as say-

ing Yugoslavia and a number of

Communist countries are trying to

induce Arab countries to negotiate

a peace agreement with Israel.

But, the Yugoslav President noted,

Israel must withdraw from the

administered territories.

In an interview with the Milan

magazine "Epoca," Tito said the

Arabs were advised by Communist

countries that "Israel cannot be

"thrown into the sea."

"Only a small group of countries

still thinks Israel must be de-

stroyed. This is impossible. A peace-

ful solution, through negotiations,

must be found... But Israel's ag-

gression must not be rewarded

with the annexation of Arab lands.

It would be a great injustice

against Arab countries. For this

reason no country must help Israel

in getting this reward."

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'New M.E. initiative needed now' - Caradon

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — "A new independent initiative is urgently needed now" to bring peace to the Middle East, according to Lord Caradon, one of the chief authors of Resolution 242. What is needed is a "move, not on behalf of one side or the other, but impartial and independent, above which neither side could press but which both could accept."

Lord Caradon wrote in an article yesterday's "Times" outlining his views following his recent visit to Israel and Jordan.

Lord Caradon said the main aim "expedition" was to talk with Palestinians who "have no single voice, no elected representatives to speak for them."

At this end, he met with them throughout Jordan and Israel.

Make no mistake, the Arabs long the end of occupation, they demand freedom to decide and shape their own future, but the new development is that there is now a prospect that coexistence between Arabs and Israelis can in future be healthy and constructive, provided only that the Arabs are free — freed from domination, provided that they can communicate and associate with their neighbours as equals. Secure and recognized boundaries are vital, but it is now realized that boundaries need not and should not be regarded as barriers. "This is something new, and important."

Lord Caradon also discovered that the Palestinians throughout the region are remarkably at one in what they believe and in what they want.

The principal propositions on which they are agreed are, first, that they want nothing less than a complete, comprehensive peace, and they fear a partial or piecemeal settlement which will leave their problem unresolved.

"Second, they reject dictated or imposed terms. For negotiations to have any chance of success in achieving a just and lasting peace it must be free and on the basis of equality."

Third, on the issue of Jerusalem, "the ideal of an undivided city with an Arab Jerusalem under Arab sovereignty and Arab administration on one side, an Israeli Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty and Israeli administration on the other, with freedom of movement between the two and freedom of access for everyone to the holy sites, is rapidly gaining ground. The concept, advocated by King Hussein and supported by Palestinian Arabs, offers the only prospect of restoring peace at last to the Middle East," Lord Caradon declared.



Indian militant, one of group who seized a trading post at Wounded Knee, brandishes pistol in this film clip shown on CBS' Walker Cronkite TV programme on Wednesday night. Bottom, view of trading post where Indians seized weapons and hostages. (AP radiophoto)

Red Indians still holding out at Wounded Knee

WOUNDED KNEE, South Dakota. — Two hundred heavily armed Red Indian braves yesterday kept a task force of U.S. marshals and two armoured personnel carriers at bay in a battle at Wounded Knee to support their call for a fairer deal from the government.

The Indian war party captured the settlement of Wounded Knee, where their Sioux ancestors were massacred nearly 80 years ago, on Tuesday night and are holding 12 persons hostage.

They have said they will not harm the hostages but have refused to surrender until their demands, including calls for better living conditions on reservations, are satisfied. They have been sniping at approaching cars.

Meanwhile, South Dakota's two senators were flying to Wounded Knee yesterday in an effort to end the siege.

Senator James Abourezk said he had been assured that one and possibly two of the captives held since the takeover would be freed when the plane carrying him and Senator George McGovern arrived at nearby Pine Ridge, the closest town with an airport. (Reuter, AP)

Food shortages in some parts of USSR

MOSCOW (UPI). — Food shortages have started occurring in some parts of the Soviet Union because of last year's disastrous harvest, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

They said they have not been able to assess fully how serious the problem is. But meat and potatoes have been in noticeably short supply in rural areas outside Moscow, in the Volga region and in other parts of the country, the sources said.

There have been occasional reports in the last two months of rationing in some outlying parts of the country, but diplomats said they had no information to confirm that.

"Pravda," the Communist Party newspaper, said earlier this week that food was in plentiful supply in all parts of the country and that distribution was proceeding smoothly.

Diplomats said that report apparently was intended to discourage "scare" buying such as occurred last year when the dimensions

Iran assumes control of its oil operations

TEHRAN. — For the first time since oil was discovered here 70 years ago, Iran has gained full control of its oil operations, including exploration, exploitation, refining and marketing, an oil source said here yesterday.

After a year of secrecy over Iran oil consortium talks, Iranian oil sources revealed initial details of last week's St. Moritz agreement, reached between the Shah of Iran and representatives of British, American, French and Dutch companies who operate here under the consortium title.

According to the source, the new agreement will call for the dissolution of two Holland-based and registered consortium companies jointly called the Iranian oil exploration and production company. In their place, the Iranian Oil Company will be established in Iran with full control of all operations handled by Iran.

In Beirut, western oil companies and the Iraqi government finally came to terms this week over the giant Iraq Petroleum Company's nationalization last June, a move which climaxed a decade-long dispute.

The companies undertook to pay President Ahmad Hassan al-Bakr's government \$171m. to meet its accumulated claims. Iraq in turn is to supply 15 million tons of crude from Mediterranean ports against all demands by the companies.

IPC, which began operating in 1925 with a capital of \$50,000, which has since increased to over \$85m., is controlled mainly by British Petroleum, Shell, Compagnie Francaise des Petroles and an American group including Standard Oil of New Jersey and Socony Mobil Oil.

Lebanese Premier Saeb Salam announced here yesterday that negotiations were underway between Lebanon and the IPC to buy the company's pipeline running through Lebanese territory. (AP, Reuter)

Wife defends husband for 'loaning her'

BELO ORIZONTE, Brazil (UPI). — Rita Pereira Gonçalves, 30, told a judge she spent one night with a neighbour as a favour to her husband. But that, she said, was not grounds for charging Mr. Gonçalves with forcing her into prostitution.

Mr. Gonçalves said on Wednesday that large numbers of livestock were killed off last year when fodder ran short.

They said some livestock also were moved away from drought areas to more fertile pasture land, and they are now removed from normal distribution channels.

The sources said potatoes are in short supply because drought killed some of the crop and reduced the size of potatoes that were grown.

They said Soviet authorities have made certain that no food shortages occur in such cities as Moscow and Leningrad, where they would have a greater public impact and be readily apparent to foreign residents.

But some persons from rural areas around Moscow have been coming into the capital to buy food that is not available in their own villages and towns, the sources said.

Middle East Airlines may buy 2 Concorde

LONDON (UPI). — Middle East Airlines will buy two Concorde if the supersonic airliner is allowed to fly to New York and if enough passengers will pay first class fares, MEA manager Assad Nasr said Wednesday.

Nasr said MEA would operate Concorde as an all first-class plane. MEA's options on two Concorde have been extended.

'Father killed son, blamed daughter'

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI). — Rachel Verdin was eight when her father told police she killed her smaller brother with a lead pipe. Soon afterwards, the little girl was sent to Columbus State Institute, a hospital for the mentally retarded, where she stayed for the last 14 years.

Now 22, she is being considered for release. Authorities have learned that her father, not she, was responsible for the death of her brother.

Mrs. Edward Verdin of Hamilton, Ohio, told police last month that her husband fatally struck his four-year-old son with a pipe when he cried for a drink of water in late 1958.

She said she did not go to police before because her husband threatened to kill her.

Edward Verdin, 47, has been charged with manslaughter and is to appear in Hamilton Municipal Court today.

South Korea's President wins two-thirds majority

SEOUL (AP). — South Korea's ruling Democratic Republican party of President Park Chung Hee has won a two-thirds majority in the unicameral parliament, election officials said yesterday.

With results from Tuesday's National Assembly election completed in all districts throughout the nation on Wednesday night, the government party won 73, the New Democratic party 52, the Democratic Union party 2, and independents gained 19, the officials said.

Since the President appoints 73 of the 219 members of the Assembly under the nation's new constitution, the government party will have 146 seats, or exactly a two-thirds majority.

The new parliament is expected to open in the middle of this month, completing the restoration of a constitutional rule which was suspended in October when President Park proclaimed martial law and dissolved the old Assembly to propose a new constitution.

The constitution, which allows Park to remain in power as long as he wishes, was approved in a national referendum in December.

Prosecution authorities said yesterday that 31 election officials and city officials have been arrested since Tuesday on charges of ballot box stuffing in favour of government party candidates in five districts, including one in Seoul, three in Pusan and one in Mokpo.

15 held for plot in Dahomey

COTONOU (Reuter). — Some 15 people, including a former Head of State, have been arrested in Dahomey after the discovery of a plot to kill members of the government, authoritative sources said.

A European was among those arrested after the discovery of the plot, which was announced Wednesday morning, the sources added.

FRENCH ELECTION COCKTAIL IN CLARET VINEYARDS

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BORDEAUX. — On the eve of the first round of the French general election, wine and politics are being stirred into a curious cocktail in the heart of the claret vineyards. Bordeaux is the fief of Jacques Chaban-Delmas, Mayor and Deputy of this bustling Atlantic port, for the past quarter of a century. Although he lost the premiership last summer in a scandal over his skill in avoiding income tax, handsome Chaban is as popular as ever on his home ground.

I got soaked to the skin watching him vigorously pump shopkeepers' hands regardless of heavy showers along the Rue de l'Intendance, the city's biggest shopping street. Business is not good in Bordeaux: bankruptcy notices covered the windows of many of the shops where he stopped for a brief call.

Incidentally, many of the owners are Jewish. They seem satisfied with Chaban's performance, at least on the local scene. But many still recall it was at the Marcel Dassault works in the Bordeaux suburbs at Merignac that Israel's 50 embargued Mirages were held after de Gaulle's embargo.

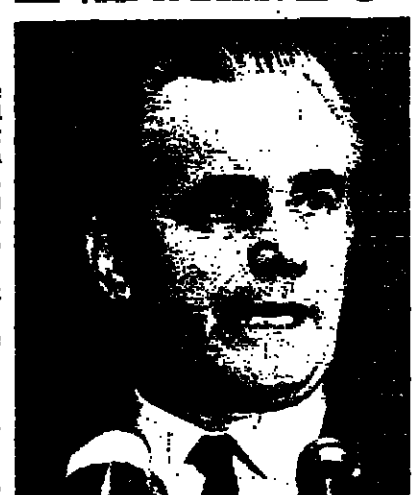
The mood towards Gaullism is less sympathetic north of Bordeaux where the famous Chateau vineyards of the Medoc spread across the flatlands as far as the eye can see from the Gironde estuary to the Atlantic. Here Aymar Achille-Fould, scion of a Jewish banking family who switched from the Centre Democrat Party to the Gaullists during the life of the last parliament, is fighting a tough campaign to defend his seat. M. Achille-Fould's vineyards produce the famous Chateau Beycheville claret which, according to the official classification of clarets drawn up in 1855, is reckoned as a fourth-quality growth.

Achille-Fould's most dangerous rival is another wine grower, Bernard Ginestet, the candidate of Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber's Reform party. M. Ginestet's Chateau Margaux is ranked as a first-quality growth and the locals consider that the respective gradings of the two vineyards reflect their proprietors' prospects at the polls on Sunday.

Achille-Fould is being held responsible for failing to prevent the appearance on the shores of the Gironde of a new Shell oil refinery which mars the countryside and, according to some, pollutes the vines. This complaint has been voiced by the refinery's neighbours, the Rothschild family, Baron Philippe, owner of the nearby Chateau-Lafite vineyard and Baron Alain, who owns Mouton-Rothschild a few hundred metres away. But they are not alone in criticizing this eye-sore. The locals claim that the refinery has created only 320 new jobs, and these mostly for highly trained technicians from outside the Medoc.

All this is grist to the mill of Bernard Ginestet, the Reformer, a dynamic fellow of 37 who seems to have abandoned his wine business during his current whirlwind tour of what he hopes will soon be his constituency.

Like Ginestet, the Reformer candidate



In Bordeaux . . . ex-Premier Chaban-Delmas is as popular as ever.

didates all over France feel the situation is developing in their favour. The latest opinion polls show the Gaullists have recently made a slight recovery at the expense of the Communist-Socialist coalition. But the Reformers are holding firm. Servan-Schreiber and his fellow-leader, Jean Lecanuet, are hoping that between now and the run-off ballot on March 11, they might succeed in splitting the left-wing alliance and rallying the Socialists to their side.

However, the Reformers are being over-optimistic. Their popularity lies less in the quality of their candidates or of their hotch-potch of a political programme than in the influence which they can expect to exercise over a weakened Gaullist majority. The French are in the mood for a change. They are no longer terrified of the red bogey which President Pompidou delights in conjuring up for his television public.

The trend away from the Left in the latest polls indicates that the electorate feel they have got the Gaullists running scared but do not intend to drive them out of office. Instead, public opinion would like to see a less arrogant and conceited Gaullist Party which would depend for a majority on a levelling of Reformers.

But there remains the riddle of what Pompidou would do if he were to be confronted by a left-wing victory on the morning of Monday, March 12. The President has refused to give an answer except to undertake he will respect the constitution.

Premier Pierre Messmer has made it clear that Pompidou will refuse to govern with a left-wing government. Does this mean that he would step down and call a new presidential election as a test of his popularity with the nation? Or does it signify that Pompidou would take the earliest opportunity to dissolve parliament and defy the electorate to return another left-wing majority?

These questions look academic, to say the least, in the light of the latest opinion polls. But it would be exceedingly rash to make any predictions about the outcome of the first general election held in France since the dominating figure of General de Gaulle vanished from the political scene.

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Nevada woman Senator stymies equal rights law

CARSON CITY, Nevada (UPI). — Heading the lone woman senator's argument that her sex was not created equal, the Nevada state Senate on Wednesday killed ratification of the equal rights amendment.

The Senate voted 16 to 4 against the amendment to the U.S. constitution, which has been ratified by 28 of the 38 needed states.

The battle against ratification was led by Helen Herr, who called the defeat "a great day" in Nevada history.

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Bengt Andersson
Jarring's
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Jerusalem Post Reporter
NETANYA. — Sixty-one villagers from Høeganaas, in southern Sweden, where Ambassador Gunnar Jarring was born, are visiting Israel for two weeks, combining a pilgrimage to the holy places with general touring and football playing. They are staying at the Green Beach Hotel here.

The leader of the group is Mr. Bengt Andersson, 45, who is visiting Israel for the third time. He has many friends here, most of whom he met during World War II when they were refugees working in Høeganaas. He learned fluent Yiddish from them. One such couple, Ellahu and Cipora Wiers, told *The Jerusalem Post*, "Mr. Andersson is a staunch defender of Israel...and tours Southern Sweden lecturing about Israel."

As president of the Wasby Oxx football team, Mr. Andersson's only disappointment this trip, according to Mrs. Wiers, was with the Israel Football Association, which failed to arrange some friendly games with his team. His daughter has been at Kibbutz Beit Hashita for the past 18 months. Mr. Andersson, who grows potatoes and has milch cows on his farm, says the kibbutzniks are "wonderful farmers" and lead an "interesting" way of life — "I would like to try it." He says that Gunnar Jarring is the only one from his family who left farming. His brothers still farm.

THE SERENITY OF A SILENT WORLD

Telling tourists to 'see Israel undersea'

By PAUL KOHN

A MUSCULAR, bearded 25-year-old scuba diver has emerged from the depths to undertake a six-week promotional tour of Europe and the U.S. to urge people to come and "See Israel Undersea."

The diver is Howard Rosenstein who came from the U.S. in 1970 with a degree in anthropology and archaeology from California State University.

At the WUJS Institute at Arad, whilst others there worried about future jobs and housing, "I wanted only to get to the sea," Howard said. He explored the country's various coasts, and realized that there were no facilities for scuba diving along the Mediterranean shore, though there were already thousands of Israelis who knew how to dive and were keen on the sport.

Howard joined with two importers of diving equipment, Nathan Vardi and Yitzhak Kestenbaum, to set up the Mediterranean Diving Centre. They surveyed the coast for suitable diving conditions and underwater attractions, and settled for a base near Sidi Ali, at Herzliya. Howard brought in diving equipment and since August, 1971, has been giving scuba diving courses continuously. The six-week courses cover theory, pool exercises and sea work.

Howard also gives basic diving courses at the Weizmann Institute, the Hebrew University at kibbutzim, and also at the Wingate Institute of Physical Education, where diving is now part of the curriculum. "Diving is a family sport. The only prerequisites are physical fitness and knowing how to swim. One can begin at the age of 15."



Howard Rosenstein and his wife Sharon among the corals of Sharm e-Sheikh. (David Plesner)

"Scuba diving offers a complete escape from the everyday hustle and bustle of Israeli city life. The weightlessness in a silent world gives the feeling of serenity and freedom," Howard says.

The six-week course costs IL250, and all equipment can be rented. Those who know claim that Israel's undersea attractions are unique. The Mediterranean and Red Sea are two different worlds for divers. The former is better for shallow diving, its attractions being offshore grottoes, fishing and underwater archaeological sites, such as Caesarea, Acre, Ashkelon, Appolonia, Achziv and Gaza. The Red Sea is rich in tropical marine life and corals with Ophira (Sharm e-Sheikh), Eilat, Nuweiba and Dahab ideal diving locations.

Divers and undersea photographers who have explored seas in many corners of the world are lavish in describing the glories of Sharm e-Sheikh. Rosenstein is most emphatic: "Sharm is the world's finest diving territory. Divers who know the Caribbean and South Pacific say Sharm e-Sheikh beats them all."

During his promotional appearances on behalf of the Tourism Ministry and El Al, Howard is asking divers — and there are hundreds of thousands of them in Europe and the Americas today — where else in the world can they have such varied diving experiences as in Israel? "You won't find a Roman fortress in Tahiti or Samoa,



Howard Rosenstein about to lead a group of divers into the sea off Herzliya.

nor can you find a Red Sea spectacular while diving off Crete or the Cote d'Azur." Here, too, one can dive almost the whole year round. While the divers of the world will surely appreciate the pleasures of diving in Israel, there is little visible appreciation by the Herzliya Municipality. "They seem utterly uninterested in developing this tourist attraction," says Howard. There is no approach road to his two huts, which serve as the Mediterranean Diving Centre, and the beach always looks as if a tornado has just hit it.

WIDE RANGE

MUSIC AT THE UNIVERSITY: Claude Helffer, piano (Wise Auditorium, Jerusalem February 28). Rameau: "La Triomphe"; "Les Sauvages"; Gavotte with Variations. Boulez: Formes 3 de la Sonate, Debussy: Six Etudes from 24 Preludes.

CLAUDE Helffer was overwhelmingly successful in showing the scope of his musicianship and his astonishing range of touch and interpretation. Rameau's (1683-1764) graceful, ornamental and strictly conventional court music was pleasurable played by Helffer with firm discipline and transparent voice-leading, tempered by gentle inflections in dynamics.

Then he went right into the middle of the 20th century with Pierre Boulez (born 1925). Helffer played part of his third sonata, written in an uncompromising style which explores sonorities, contrasts in texture and registers, and intellectually conceived constructions, giving very little satisfaction to untrained ears still hungering after musical or emotional experiences. Here, too, the pianist fully met stylistic demands of an entirely different nature.

The Debussy Etudes (1862-1918), composed in 1915 and dedicated to the memory of Chopin, provided a consoling synthesis between the 20th century (slightly toned down) and "old music," by maintaining still traditional means yet being quite progressive.

Claude Helffer coped superbly with the technical demands and gave the closest attention to the musical content of these valuable pieces.

Breaking the monotony of convention

MUSIC AT THE MUSEUM: Judith Lieber, Patti Lieb, harp; Uri Shoham, Bezael Aviram, flute (The Israel Museum, Jerusalem-February 25). Works by Rameau, Dandrien, Bach, Debussy, Nigam, Berlioz, Salzedo; programme prepared by Shlomo Tidhar.

THE choice of both instruments and programme conformed to the objectives of Shlomo Tidhar, the producer of this series, to present unusual and rarely heard music in order to break the monotony of the conventional, often-boring programming of most of our cultural institutions. Without breaking into "New Dimensions" or other experimental fields, Tidhar delved into the archives of past periods and found treasures worth reviving for our weary ears and minds. True, time has not passed them over without reason, but their modest beauty and ability to give pleasure to people justify their momentary revival.

The use of two harps opens up many possibilities, which Carlos Salzedo exploited advantageously. The two charming harpists, Judith

Music Review

Lieber and Patti Lieb, members of the Israel Philharmonic, did full honour to their keenly instrument and their own musicianship, performing with complete identity of approach and grace. Though I could attend only the youth concert in the afternoon, where the programme was slightly shortened, the performance was convincingly proficient and enlightening.

The two flutists, also both members of the I.P.O., performed faultlessly (I heard the sonata by W. Fr. Bach, and Berlioz' "Poem," with harp). Shlomo Tidhar's explanations were informative, and the numerous young listeners attentively followed all presentations. Question time showed the lively interest aroused in the neophytes and the educational effect — in the best possible meaning of the word — of these concerts. Tidhar's efforts cannot be praised enough.

YOHANAN BOEHM.

BRIDGE FESTIVAL WAS BEST EVER

By GEORGE E. LEVINREW

The 12-day eighth Israel International Bridge Festival, which ended last week at the Pan American Hotel in Bat Yam, was larger

and more successful than its predecessors. More than 100 visitors came from Scotland, France, Italy, Switzerland, the U.S., South Africa, Germany and England, and there were record-breaking turnouts for the various tournaments, with a total of 329 tables in play.

Although Israelis won all five events last year, this year they won only two. The outstanding achievement was that of Palmas Romik and Shmuel Lev of the Israel junior team, who won the open pairs contest, and were in the team which came sixth in the teams of four and second in the master teams. The teams of four event saw an innovation, with "winners playing winners" and "losers playing losers" at each round.

Prizes valued at \$10,000 were generously donated by commercial firms and professional artists. The main sponsor was Mr. Menachem Eliahar, Israel agent for Marlboro cigarettes.

David Bardach was chairman of the committee which planned the Festival. He has accepted the same appointment for next year, when the Festival will be held on February 16-27. The Festival was efficiently directed by Nico Oudshoorn of Holland.

Mrs. Rida Markus of England invited Moshe Katz and Dr. Nissan Rand, this year's national pair champions, to represent Israel at the annual "Guardian" Bridge Tournament in London, in April. Lev and Romik were invited by Jacques Goureau of France to represent Israel at the Juan Les Pins Festival on the Riviera in May. The winners of the main events were: Individuals: Dr. Magda Foldes, Tel Aviv Mixed Pairs: Mrs. Sari Tlinder-Michel Lebel, France Teams of Four: Louis Shenkin-Louis Levinson-Dr. Percy Shenkin-John Speelman, Scotland. Open Pairs: Pinhas Romik-Shmuel Lev, Tel Aviv. Master Teams: Mrs. Rizi Markus-England, Victor Ben Nahum-Israel, Dr. Krakowsky-Tel Aviv. Achterberg-Schweizerland, Mrs. Breschner, Tel Aviv Sol Seidman-United States.

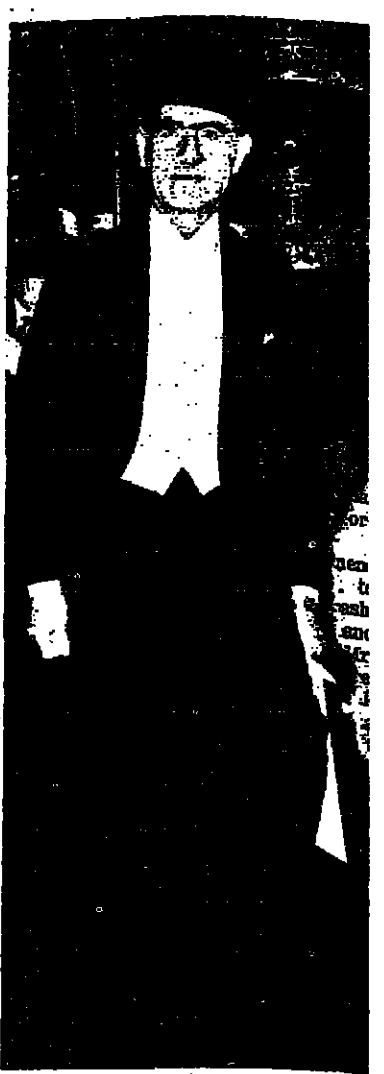
'FORMIDABLE' AMBASSADOR

LONDON. — A "formidable proponent" of his country's cause was how "Spectator" described the Israeli Ambassador here, Mr. Michael Comay, in a recent issue of that respected London weekly.

The "Spectator's Notebook" column wrote, under the heading "Formidable ambassador."

"I went the other day to a lunch given by Edward Du Cann for Mr. Michael Comay, the Israeli Ambassador. After lunch the Ambassador made quite the wittiest, frankest and most elegant speech I have heard from a diplomatist for a long time. Lounging back on his heels, he regaled the company — in that distinctive gravelly voice — with a long series of jokes, generalizations, aphorisms, and profundities; and he singularly omitted any excessive flattery of his hosts. I liked particularly his crack about the new United Arab Command — 'We're not worried. Nothing divides the Arabs like Arab unity.'"

"But what was most interesting of all was his analysis of Israel thinking on the current Middle Eastern situation. Clearly, he wanted peace; but clearly, too, he would not accept an imposed peace. The period dominant in Jewish minds, he explained, was not that of the Six Day War, but that of the few weeks before the war when 'We were stripped of any illusions that somebody from outside would bail us out.' Any peace, therefore, must be guaranteed not by outsiders, but by the Middle Eastern Powers themselves: 'the partners to the war must be the partners to the peace.' Anyway, the Ambassador went on, outside Powers shouldn't consider the present situation to be too bad: it is 'as stable as it could be short of peace.' The only claim he was prepared to make on Britain was a claim of interest. No doubt, he observed, Balfour, when he promulgated his famous declaration about the Jewish right to a national home, had justice and morality in mind, but he was also considering Britain's long range interests. Though those interests have changed, the interest in Israel remains.



Michael Comay in working cloth

"If Israel wasn't there I think the British and Western Powers would find that their positions as interests in the Middle East would have long been swept away by the Jewish right to a national home, Arab radicalism and Soviet imperialism. The regimes in Amman and Beirut would also quickly disappear." Altogether, a formidable proponent of the Israeli cause.

In memoriam — Carl Oroszlan

Dutch friend of Israel

The death last month at the age of 67 of Carl Oroszlan — or Carl as he was known — came as a personal loss to many people, both in Holland and Israel.

For over 25 years, from shortly after World War II until a year ago, Carl was the chief official at the offices of the Netherlands Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency in Amsterdam. At the Netherlands Zionist Organization, he was the reliable, good-humoured right-hand of successive secretaries. At the Jewish Agency offices, in the adjoining room, he was in charge of aliyah matters.

Several hundred Israelis of non-Dutch origin will remember him as the local organizer of the Israeli participants in the four day march around Nijmegen.

Short and dapper, and always active, he was an integral part of the Zionist machinery in Amsterdam. But Carl in fact arrived in Holland in 1938 from Vienna. Together with other Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria, he was placed in the Agricultural Training Centre for Jewish refugees in Wieringen, in North Holland, where he studied horticulture.

When, during the German occupation of the Netherlands, Wieringen was closed down, Carl went under-

ground and took an active part in resistance work. With several of his friends he established a resistance group, consisting of people from Wieringen, from the Hehalu and other Hachshara centres in Holland, and others. The group was later joined by the "Westere" group, led by the non-Jewish resistance worker, Joop Westervelt. Many of them reached Israel via illegal routes through France and Spain.

After the war, Carl was appointed as organizational expert with the recently established Foundation "Hachshara and Aliyah," which organized emigration for Jewish orphans from Holland to Israel. After the establishment of the State of Israel, he was taken over by the Jewish Agency to deal with the legal aspects of aliyah.

He gradually became the centre official at the Agency's Johanna Vermeerstraat offices, in Amsterdam, where his simple, straightforward, friendly approach made him the trusted friend of the many visitors to the offices. He also took the lion's share of the organization of many of the pro-Israel and Zionist activities, especially the various Zionist conferences, including the Annual Conferences of the Netherlands Zionist Organization.

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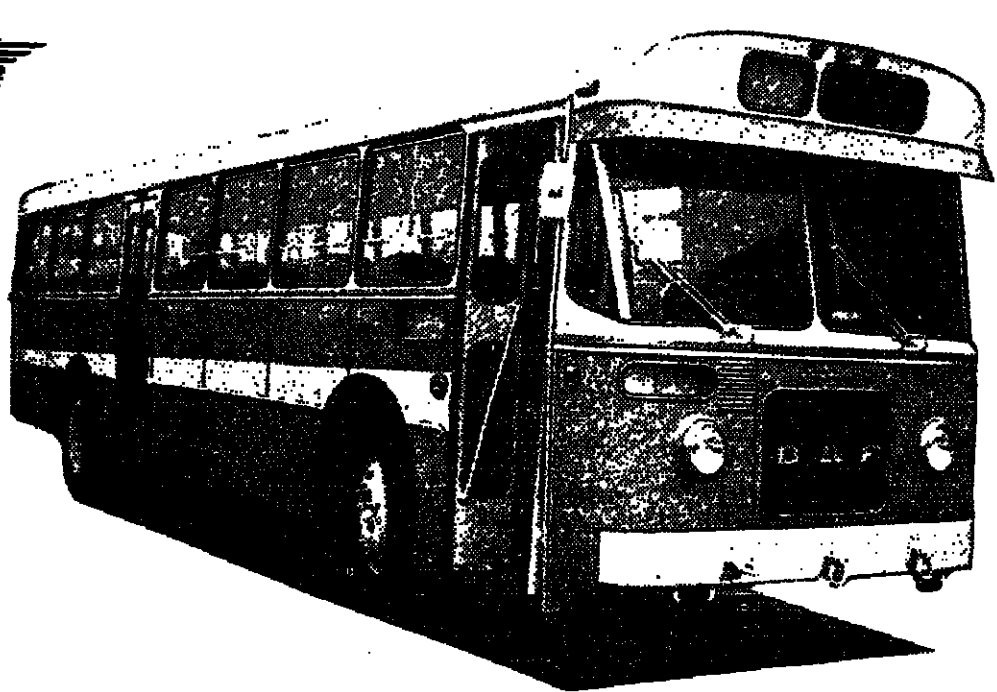
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Treasury and Bank of Israel disagree over inflation

By DAVID KRIVINE

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Differences between the Treasury and the Bank of Israel about how to combat inflation were revealed at a symposium on budget policy here on Wednesday. The symposium was organized by the Israel Management Centre.

Speaking on the Government's plan to mop up purchasing power (as presented by Finance Minister Sapir to the Prime Minister's Committee on Inflation this week), Mr. Avraham Agmon, Director-General of the Treasury, said: "This plan is applied, there should be no need for new taxes or forced savings."

Dr. Zvi Sussman, head of research at the central bank, did not agree: "Siphoning money out of circulation is necessary, but it must be controlled so as to hit private consumption. There is only one way to do that, by taxes — whether in the shape of a forced loan, extension of the sales tax on goods and services or postponement of the income tax announced for the coming fiscal year."

Mr. Agmon had stressed the deflationary nature of the Treasury's current budget policies. This year, income tax receipts are turning out to be IL500m. above estimates, thanks to the progressive tax structure, he said. "We are likely to end up with a small budget surplus," he predicted, and there will be another surplus next year, he said, though he could not say how much.

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(According to Dan Halprin, senior Treasury spokesman, who briefed pressmen last Sunday on the meeting of the Committee on Inflation, the expected surplus for 1977-78 is IL500m.)

Mr. Agmon put his faith mainly in three measures: cutting budget expenditure by IL300m-IL500m; freezing proceeds from the sale of debentures for six months (which should mop up IL400m-IL600m); and introducing new incentives for voluntary saving. He pointed out that savings have improved beyond all recognition: the sale of new debentures came to an estimated IL250m. in the single month of February, more than double the level of sales 12 months previously.

He hinted at the need for measures of income restraint, stressing that the projected increase of 8-8.5 per cent in personal consumption per capita this year (in real terms) is excessive and will damage Israel's trade balance.

He was optimistic, however, that

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Prices drift lower

NEW YORK. — Stock market prices drifted lower towards the close yesterday. Analysts said lack of encouraging news and concern over the dollar crisis in Europe created a morose rally.

Advances and declines were running almost neck-and-neck on the New York stock exchange.

Lucien Hooper of W.E. Hutton said investors had "reached a climax of pessimism" on Wednesday, when the Dow Jones index plunged to the 940 level before rebounding.

Other analysts said the morning rally evaporated because investors became worried over a fresh outbreak in the international monetary crisis. The dollar fell below

floor level on a number of European exchanges despite heavy support in West Germany.

Towards the close, the decline weakened industrial, transportation and financial issues, while utilities resisted the downward trend.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, which had spurted ahead more than eight points during heavy morning trading, closed down 5.12 at 949.59 in a burst of afternoon selling.

Volume was active with the ticker tape running behind at times during the day, and totaled 18.12 million shares.

The broad-based New York stock exchange index of some 1,400 common stocks finished off 39 at 59.61.

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the attempt to create a policy of consent between the three groups — Government, employers and labour — will succeed. "It's going to be a hard birth, but I think the tripartite grouping will generate some kind of agreed programme against inflation," he said.

Dr. Sussman declared roundly that freezing the proceeds of debenture sales will hardly affect private consumption. If consumption is not restrained and is pushed up further by wage demands, the Treasury and the Bank of Israel will face the following dilemma: Either they must throw in the towel and put the necessary money back into circulation or else stand firm and refuse to increase the means of payment. If they put the money into circulation (because business companies will need more credit to finance higher production costs), that will bring the country back to inflation. If the authorities refuse to increase the means of payment, there will be declining production, bankruptcies and unemployment.

TWO-PRONGED ACTION

He showed that the other way round is also bad. Suppose the trade unions agree to a wage freeze, but the Government fails to take excess money out of circulation. Then wages and prices will rise unofficially "under the table," yielding the same result.

His conclusion: the two campaigns, against demand inflation and cost inflation, have to be waged simultaneously.

Mr. David Cochav, chief economist in the Defense Ministry, declared that military expenditure is declining.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Prices drift down

TEL AVIV. — At the opening of the Stock Exchange yesterday, prices drifted somewhat lower. It seems that the new measures to curb inflation by reducing the profits of banks had a negative effect on the mood of investors and only small advances appeared. Turnover was low in this round and amounted to IL350,000, with IL190,000 in the variables, where prices were on balance unchanged.

The general index of share prices dropped by 0.54 per cent to stand at 301.90.

Over the week, the Stock Exchange was hesitant. The new issue of Yishpor, traded for the first time yesterday, opened at 110% and closed at 113. Convertible bonds of this company reached 101.

Active shares were Bank Leumi, which lost half a point to 404 1/2

(40,000), and Rasco Preferred, half a point better to 120 1/2 (41,000).

Investment companies were somewhat lower with Bank Leumi Investments at 244, up one point, and Industrial Investments 229, down nine points.

The bond market was weak again, with continued selling pressure. Turnover amounted to only IL1.5m. Milve Kitta was not traded, except for Kitta 1965.

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Labour Minister Yosef Almog presents a certificate to a Gaza man on completion of a surveyors course organized by the Ministry. (L.P.A.)

Shell to use planned Suez oil pipeline

CAIRO (AP). — The Shell International Company on Wednesday announced an agreement with Egypt for using the projected \$350m. Alexandria-Suez oil pipeline, the Petroleum Ministry announced.

Shell will be allowed to transport 7.5 million tons of crude oil a year for ten years, the Ministry added.

The new agreement still leaves the projected line 70 per cent vacant. Its initial capacity is 80 million tons of crude annually and so far only 28 million tons have been signed for.

American Continental Oil Company has signed to transport 2.5 million tons for 10 years. Mobil Oil has initiated for 7.5 million tons, the Compagnie Francaise du Petrole (CFP) for another 7.5 million tons and Soudap el Perce for three million tons for 10 years.

These companies will sign final agreements after commitments are made by other firms guaranteeing the full usage of the line.

Parties take issue with economic policy

JERUSALEM POST Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Liberal Party on Wednesday came out against recent proposals made by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Independent Liberal party leader Yehuda Sha'ari, Deputy Minister of Communications, said his party is pressing the government for a serious cut in government spending.

Liberal Party economic council chairman David Shifman said on Wednesday that the Finance Minister's proposals to increase taxes on banks, insurance companies and large firms was an attempt to distract public attention from "the real problems of inflation" and that the minister's move would only undermine incentives to save.

Mr. Sha'ari, who spoke at an Independent Liberal party meeting, said a cut in government spending was needed to curb inflation and that he was gratified to see that Mr. Sapir was heading the ILP's advice about reviewing budgetary priorities.

He urged the raising of interest rates payable on foreign currency blocked accounts (Pashak and Tamam) to persuade recipients of compensation from Germany not to change their marks into pounds.

Meanwhile the Gahal younger leadership on Wednesday took a stand against plans to increase the price of fuel, which they charged would lower the value of the pound even more, because it would bring a wave of increases in the cost of transportation and haulage with all that this involved.

The 'Big Three' banks — how they differ

By MOSHE ATER

Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

A COMPARISON of the "Big Three" of Israeli banking is difficult owing to their widely different structures. For example, Discount Bank (I.D.B.) operates abroad through its own branch offices. Bank Hapoalim had long relied on overseas correspondents, but recently opened a London branch (with a branch in New York to follow later this year). And Bank Leumi (B.L.L.) operates abroad through subsidiaries and affiliates, which are not included in its balance sheet.

With the growing importance of our banks' foreign business the impact of this difference must also increase.

On the other hand, the B.L.L. group — as reflected in the bank's consolidated balance sheet — includes affiliates active in investments and in mortgage credits. Discount Bank Investment Corporation, P.E.C. and Development and Mortgage Bank are now subsidiaries of the I.D.B.'s parent company (which is controlled by the I.D.B. shareholders). They are not, therefore, adequately represented even in the consolidated balance sheet of I.D.B. Lastly, Bank Hapoalim has not yet published a consolidated balance sheet, and one can only guess the exact size of its group's total. The comparison is not made easier by the three groups' different administration and window-dressing methods.

On the face of it, the balance sheet totals for 1972 (B.L.L. — IL14.4-billion; Bank Hapoalim — IL11.0-billion; I.D.B. — IL8.1-billion) do not differ much. It is therefore surprising to find the B.L.L. capital resources (IL265m.) so much bigger than those of Bank Hapoalim (IL171m.) and I.D.B. (IL171m.). The difference in net operating profit (IL47m., IL30m. and IL25m. respectively) is also striking. However, the picture turns different if the three groups are compared. The B.L.L. consolidated total was close to IL11.0. That of Bank Hapoalim may be estimated at IL12.0, while the total of I.D.B. Holding will probably amount to IL10.0.

In order to get an idea of the banks' volume of business in this country more guesswork is required. The overseas business of B.L.L. was stated to account for about 15 per cent of the balance sheet total. With I.D.B. it is 25 per cent. The corresponding ratio for Bank Hapoalim may be five per cent. That would put the three banks' domestic totals at about IL15b., IL8.5b. and IL7.5b. respectively, making B.L.L. almost equal to the sum of the other big two.

This estimate is corroborated by a closer look at the major items of the three balance sheets. The aggregate amount of deposits by the public in the balance sheets of the Big Three proper is about IL3b. above the figure shown in the monthly Banking Statistics, which

as one would have expected it to be, because the Bank Hapoalim and the I.D.B. balance sheets include also their overseas branches (which are outside the competence of the Examiner of Banks).

A clue to the actual distribution of deposits has been provided by the disclosure that at the end of 1972 B.L.L. held over 42 per cent of the public deposits total, including over 32 per cent of the total deposits in Israeli currency, and 80 per cent of the deposits linked to foreign currency held by local residents. From these hints one may estimate that Bank Hapoalim and I.D.B. held between them about 42 per cent of all public deposits in local currency, and about 30 per cent of the foreign currency deposits.

One may guess that Bank Hapoalim is more strongly entrenched as regards local currency deposits, while I.D.B. has a headway as regards foreign currency deposits. On the strength of these guesses one may estimate as follows the distribution of deposits at the end of 1972.

Estimated distribution of deposits in Israeli banks at the end of 1972 in IL billions.

	Local currency	Foreign currency	Total
Leumi	2.5	4.5	7.0
Hapoalim	2.5	0.8	3.3
Discount	1.5	1.5	3.0
Others	0.5	0.5	1.0
Total	7.0	7.3	14.3

Uncertain and approximate though the above figures are, they provide an insight into the present structure of our banking. They show that foreign currency deposits already account for almost one half of all the money deposited at our banks, and that I.D.B.'s towering position is mainly based on its dominance in this field. While at B.L.L. for foreign currency deposits by far exceed those in local currency, the contrary is the rule in other banks. Incidentally, B.L.L. dominates not only in the field of deposits linked to foreign currency (mainly stemming from German restitution), but also in the field of deposits stemming from foreign residents, which have grown substantially in recent years, and already account for one third of the foreign currency deposits total.

The table also shows that in their activity in Israel Bank Hapoalim and I.D.B. are now running neck and neck. Their combined volume is only slightly above that of B.L.L., though they exceed it as regards local currency deposits. Of these last, savings schemes now account for close to one fifth, while the rest is about evenly divided between current and fixed deposits.

Lastly, one must keep in mind that most of the "other banks" are affiliates of the Big Three. The aggregate strength of the B.L.L. group may now approximate IL8.5b., that of the I.D.B. group IL4.0b. and of the Bank Hapoalim group IL3.5b. as far as deposits by the public in domestic branches are concerned.

It stands to reason that the banks' domestic credits from own means follow fairly closely their respective shares in the aggregate public deposits (for own capital sources still play a small role in this respect). Thus B.L.L.'s share in the credit total was 36 per cent at the end of last year, somewhat higher than its share in the deposits total. However, the aggregate credit volume also depends on funds deposited by the banks from government sources, and on funds administered by them for their subsidiaries and other quarters.

In this respect also, the Big Three widely differ. The B.L.L. affiliates disburse their loans independently from the parent company, while the Bank Hapoalim and I.D.B. affiliates channel their loans through the respective parent bank. At the end of 1972, loans from funds deposited for special purposes accounted for 25 per cent of the loans provided from own means at B.L.L., for 100 per cent at I.D.B., and for 180 per cent at Bank Hapoalim. Moreover, part of these funds have doubtless been included in the bank balance sheets for the purpose of window dressing. This refers in particular to the deposits placed with the parent bank in order to be deposited by it with the Treasury, which could of course be done without the bank's intermediation.

Another window-dressing device seems to have been the lumping together of loans to customers and of deposits with the Treasury in the balance sheets of B.H.P. and I.D.B. As a result, one finds that Bank Hapoalim appears to have granted loans from own means exceeding those of B.L.L.

The inclusion of c.n.i. linked funds administered by Bank Hapoalim for several Hestadrut financing concerns has also resulted in inflating the bank's income and expenditure figures out of proportion with the resultant profit. Indeed the remarkable thing is that there is no correspondence between the three banks' rate of growth — as shown by their balance sheets — and their profit records.

Over the past three years, the Bank Leumi consolidated balance sheet increased 2.5 times, that of I.D.B. Holding about trebled, while the Bank Hapoalim group looks like having grown almost five times. However, profit per share increased steepest at I.D.B. and its parent Bank Hapoalim, and remained lowest at B.L.L.

Even more remarkable is the current evaluation of the three banks' shares on the Tel Aviv stock exchange, where they are changing hands at price-earnings ratios inverse to the operating profit per share ratios. Apparently the investing public is not taking the published reports too earnestly. One may hope that this will change when the stricter rules for bank reports including full consolidation of subsidiaries, and disclosure of reserves — comes into force next year.

Exports showed unexpected drop in January

JERUSALEM POST Reporter

Exports fell by eight per cent in January, contrary to an expected seasonal upturn. According to the Central Bureau of Statistics, January's shipments overseas totaled \$107m., compared with \$116m. in December, 1977.

Imports during the first month of this year totaled \$139m., or 83m. more than in January 1977, and \$10m. less than in December 1977.

The nation's trade deficit at the end of last month stood at \$47m.

Hotel bed rate dropped in 1972 except in J'lem

JERUSALEM POST Reporter

The average bed occupancy rate at Israel's tourist-recommended hotels fell to 59.3 per cent last year, from 60.4 per cent in 1971. The rate for all hotels — including non-recommended ones — also dropped, from 57.3 per cent to 52.9.

The figures, just released by the Tourism Ministry and the Hoteliers Association, also show that recommended hotels in the Tel Aviv area sold a total of 1.4 million overnight accommodations last year, which was three per cent fewer than in 1971. Halfa tourist facilities also suffered a three per cent setback, with 430,000 overnight accommodations. Only in Jerusalem was there an improvement — 1.6 million overnight stays, which represented a 12 per cent gain over the previous year.

German toy fair brings in orders

JERUSALEM POST Reporter

Seven Israeli toy and novelty manufacturers took orders for approximately \$325,000 worth of merchandise at the Nuremberg International Toy Fair which closed February 9.

The Israelis joined in a collective exhibit organized by IOCFEX — The Israel Company for Fairs and Exhibitions, which is affiliated with the Ministry of Commerce Industry. Among the exhibitors were Gambia Koor of Kfar Hanassi, manufacturer of miniature scale model cars, and The Ornament Centre of Tel Aviv, maker of plastic Christmas decorations.

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NRP TAKES HARDER LINE

A HARD line on both foreign and domestic issues has marked this week's National Religious Party convention. Veering from the moderate line which characterized the N.R.P. under the guidance of the late Moshe Haim Shapiro, the party has shifted to more extremist views prompted, among other reasons, by the intense infighting between its three contending factions.

For many years, the N.R.P. was unable to play any meaningful role in foreign affairs and security and economic matters. It felt that what it considered to be the status quo on religious matters, was being whittled away on many points, from "Who is a Jew" to the Sabbath Law. But the N.R.P. leadership knew that if the party would ever find itself outside the coalition, it was bound to lose much more in the process, especially regarding influence and patronage.

With this in mind the veteran leadership of the N.R.P. strove to remain in the coalition while seeking to tone down the mounting criticism from various quarters inside the party, notably from Dr. Yitzhak Raphael and the Youth Circles. The party's convention witnessed an effort to bring about a rotation among party office holders and to unseat Dr. Burg and Warhaftig. But this effort, similar to other attempts in the Labour Party and Herut, was doomed to failure.

The outcome of the convention was, therefore, a party constellation whose price for entering the next coalition will be higher. This was evident in the resolution on the areas and even more so on various resolutions regarding religious legislation.

The N.R.P. feels encouraged by the potential growth in its supporters, many of them new immigrants from the Soviet Union and the United States. It hopes to be able to obtain, in the next government, a more central portfolio than the Welfare Ministry (in addition to the Interior and Religious Ministries).

The "hawkish" image of the party is designed to win the votes of orthodox supporters who would prefer Gahal or the more ultra-orthodox parties. The N.R.P. must also satisfy some of the demands of its supporters overseas, and above all combat the attacks of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, who has demanded that the party leave the coalition.

Yet it is doubtful whether the "hawkish" and extremist position will survive intact when the formation of the next cabinet gets under way. Then the basic reasons for the traditional alliance between Labour and the N.R.P. will probably reassert themselves. But the N.R.P. has served notice that it will not be satisfied with remaining either a silent, or at best a tolerated partner, when it comes to major policy decisions.

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EGYPTIAN CREDIBILITY

Davar (Histadrut): "Reports of a crisis in the Vietnam peace commission, as a result of forward deployment of the North Vietnamese missile system, testify that there is no great credibility to agreements signed by the Communists in Vietnam. Since the Egyptians have a system similar to that of the Communists in Vietnam, the prospect of progress towards a peace settlement must necessarily be doubtful."

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael): "The Communist refusal of the idea of setting up of an authoritative body to ensure the Vietnam ceasefire, proves that their sole intent is occupation and the forward movement of troops. Accordingly it is hoped that President Nixon will appreciate the Israeli Premier's concern about a Middle East peace settlement."

Ha'aretz (non-party) on inflation:

"The solution lies in a dialogue between the Histadrut and employment, as with the Histadrut guaranteeing to prevent disruption of wage agreements and forgoing the second cost-of-living increment, and the manufacturers making every effort to avoid an unnecessary price hike. Whilst it is admittedly impossible to fix an unrealistic ceiling for a rise in prices, the Government can take greater action against price increases."

Al Hamaishmar (Mapam): "The Finance Minister's proposals for fighting inflation do not constitute a serious effort. Imposing taxes on banks, insurance companies and large apartments will not in the long run hit the sources of inflation and will not absorb a large enough part of the means of payment. The solution is to be found in absorbing superfluous funds from whoever possesses them and in supervision of prices by supervision of profit."

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How a civilian airliner could be dangerous WITHOUT BENEFIT OF HINDSIGHT

IN the nine days since the Libyan airliner was forced to land in Sinai, Israel has been widely attacked by journalists and statesmen who have the benefit of one thing the air force officers and the Chief of Staff did not have last week—hindsight.

In order to examine what happened objectively, without forgetting that over 100 innocent people were killed, one has to place oneself in the position of those charged with the defence of this country several minutes before two p.m. last Wednesday.

An unidentified aircraft was picked up on Israeli radar screens travelling at jet speed towards Israeli controlled airspace. Two Phantom jets were sent to intercept the intruder. The as yet unidentified plane crossed into Sinai over Port Tewfik, at the southern end of the Suez Canal, heading in the direction of a sensitive area.

Shortly after entering Israeli airspace the plane was identified as a Libyan passenger liner — first as a Caravelle, and later as a Boeing 727. Pilots flying the Phantoms could not see whether there were passengers aboard. What was clear was that the plane had flown through Egyptian air defences without so much as a warning. This in itself was enough to arouse suspicion — the Egyptians have shot down two passenger liners — one Ethiopian and the other Egyptian — which mistakenly ventured into a closed area.

Veered off

When the intruding plane entered Sinai, it did not continue to fly straight, but veered off to the north-east as if on a pre-determined course. Then after a short time it turned to the north. Here the plane lost altitude and speed, and then swung east and headed for Big Gafgafa, a military installation in the area.

All this time frantic attempts were being made by the intercepting pilots to get the Libyan plane to land, through internationally recognized signals, hand gestures and warning shots. But the

One aspect of the Libyan airliner disaster which has been neglected by Israel's critics is why, from the military point of view, the plane could not be allowed to return to Egypt. Military Correspondent Hirsh Goodman discusses the possible reasons for this.

pilot of the Libyan craft seemed determined at all costs to get back to Egypt. The last thing on his mind, it seemed, was the safety of passengers, thus strengthening the impression that the plane was empty.

As a last resort, when the plane was slightly over a minute away from the Suez Canal orders were given to force the plane to land. Shots were fired at the tips of the wings and when these had no effect fire was opened at the base of the wings.

None of the shots could have caused the plane to crash. The only apparent damage caused was a fire in one of the fuel tanks, and this alone would not have jeopardized a safe crash landing.

The order to shoot was given in the light of terrorist threats to use an airliner in a spectacular suicidal mission,

and specific information that civilian aircraft were to be used by the Arabs operationally.

The plane landed on a sandy stretch north of the Great Bitter Lake at 11 minutes past two. As it hit the ground the three engines housed in the rear section broke loose and ploughed their way through the fuselage, burning and killing and leaving behind a 600-metre trail of destruction.

Had the plane not been a Boeing 727, with the engines placed in the rear, the disaster might not have occurred. It certainly would not have happened if Israel was not in a state of war with its neighbours and their belligerent supporters such as Libya. If the Israeli officers had more time — the whole incident took less than a quarter of an hour — and if they knew that there were passengers aboard and if the plane had not flown over a most sensitive area after passing unhindered through Egyptian defences, the result might have been different.

But the question remains, why did the military decide to stop the plane from getting back into Egypt? Even if it was on a terrorist mission, it had not carried it out and it was obviously attempting to leave Israeli territory, being only 20 kilometres from Egypt when it was forced down.

In order to answer this, one has to know what a plane of this nature may have achieved. Modern war is based on electronics. Control of the skies and the defence of strategic targets from the air depend on an efficient radar system. Should one of the sides in a conflict possess information about the foe's radar it would gain a tactical advantage, the importance of which could be vital.

Radar systems

The major reason for Israel's success in the Six Day War lay in its ability to penetrate Egypt's radar systems and reach targets without early detection. This was possible only because Israel knew the capability of these systems.

It was also possible, perhaps, because Egypt was unaware that its radar was being tampered with, a mistake it could ill afford should there be another round of hostilities.

Information concerning the enemy's gadgetry is available from two main sources: spies and overflights — the latter being both more efficient and complicated. Here advanced data-analyzing equipment is needed — equipment which is both bulky and which needs large amounts of electricity to operate.

An aircraft carrying this type of equipment would be cumbersome and vulnerable. It has to be able to penetrate enemy airspace, and then return safely to base so that the information acquired may be analysed. The prying country would either have to provide the spy plane with a viable air umbrella (something Egypt is incapable of doing at present) or else somehow manage to dupe the defenders for long enough to allow the mission to be completed and for the aircraft to return. What better solution than an innocent-looking passenger liner which has seemingly lost its way?

Air defences

When the Libyan plane penetrated into Sinai, when it seemed bent on reaching Egyptian territory no matter what the consequences, those who had to make the decision must have had little doubt in their minds as to its mission. Too much had happened for the overnight to be a mere coincidence.

The maintenance of Israel's air defences is vital for the security of the country. It is precisely in this no-war, no-peace situation that both sides concentrate on preparing themselves for the possible renewal of hostilities by improving the quality of their forces without committing actual warfare.

The downing of the Libyan airliner is yet another manifestation of the overall horror which has plagued this region for over a quarter of a century. It is a consequence of a situation in which mutual trust is a foreign concept, and a situation in which innocent civilians will continue to pay with their lives as long as such suggestions as Mr. Dayan's proposed "hot line" to prevent similar disasters in the future are turned down.

WHAT THE U.S. WANTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

THE solid foundation of Washington's concern for the Middle East settlement has been proved this week by its refusal to allow the hysteria generated by the Libyan air disaster to deflect it from its diplomatic activities in relation to Egypt, Israel and Jordan.

Despite all their screams about the disaster, the Arab governments have shown a welcome restraint in their actions, and this must be seen as a response to the intensification of the American political initiative. The only criticism of this initiative has come from the Palestinian terrorist movement, whose extremist elements have indicated that they may still make an attempt to undermine the U.S. efforts.

Even among the terrorists, however, there appear to be elements that are not entirely opposed to Washington's activities. There are those who seem to be awake to the fact that the Americans are taking into account the interests of all the parties involved in the conflict, including the Palestinians.

So far it has not been possible for observers to determine the exact direction of the American initiative. But things are expected to become clearer this weekend, once Prime Minister Golda Meir's Washington talks have completed the triangle whose other two sides are the discussions Jordan's King Hussein and Egypt's presidential envoy, Hafez Ismail, had in the U.S.

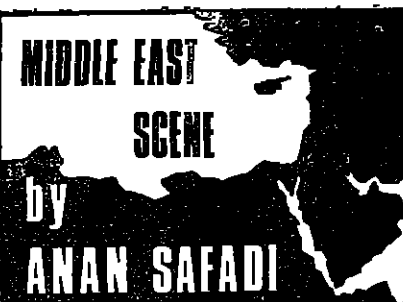
Pattern of talks

The pattern of Mrs. Meir's talks will depend to a great extent on what happened between the Americans and Mr. Ismail. But since he appears to have taken no new Egyptian proposals to Washington, we can hardly expect Mrs. Meir to pull anything startling out of her capacious bag, for she has been making it quite clear in recent weeks that producing new ideas would imply that the old ones weren't good enough, or that they had been tried out and hadn't worked.

The speculation at the moment is that the Americans are directing their good offices to maintaining the status quo in the Middle East until such time as a new formula can be hammered out as a basis for negotiations — something which will be acceptable to all the parties.

The core of the matter remains the Suez Canal. Egypt insists that there can be no question of reopening it except as part of a comprehensive plan that takes into account the basic territorial issues between Israel on the one hand, and Egypt and Syria on the other.

As far as the Israel-Jordan part of the conflict is concerned, the Egyptians are now tending to emphasize a political rather than a



territorial aspect: they have been unusually quiet of late about Amman's claims on East Jerusalem and the West Bank and its longing eye on the Gaza Strip, and have been playing up the right of the Palestinians to self-determination on the West Bank and in the Strip, and their property claims against Israel.

Self-assurance

King Hussein has recently been exhibiting incredible self-assurance as far as his position in Jordan is concerned. He seems to have absolutely no doubt that he has won the majority of the Palestinians away from his opponents — including the terrorists — and over to his side. Perhaps it is this confidence that enabled him, during his three-week stay in the U.S., to be extremely temperate in his political claims in general, and to make his chief concern the amount of financial aid he could obtain from his hosts.

Hussein must have been helped greatly by the sympathy the Americans have shown for his new three-year development plan. With its emphasis on developing Jordan's industry and promoting resettlement, this enlightened scheme is understandably attractive to Washington, which sees Amman's concentration on positive development as likely to draw the people away from desperate adventures and towards a modus vivendi in the area.

As far as Amman itself is concerned, the economic and industrial development plan help, on the one hand, to promote Jordan's independence and, on the other, to make the country more attractive to the Arab population of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Regardless of the intentions of the various parties, the easier relations across the Jordan have already proved to be a key unlocking one of the doors between Israel and the Arab world. An easing of relations in other parts of the region — including the Canal — could unlock doors to a wider coexistence until it is due course the problem of physical borders is no longer the cause of the anxiety that bedevils the Middle East situation today.



Readers' letters

Applied versus basic research

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Increasing and legitimate pressure is being exerted to ensure the development of applied research in Israel, as required by the government for the needs of the economy (see "Allotment: saturation in academic professions," February 8). However, if such support is to be at the expense of basic research, this constitutes a real threat to the future scientific potential of Israel.

The parallel situation now developing in the United States is discussed in a recent editorial in "Nature" (London, vol. 241, February 2, 1973, pp. 299-300) entitled "Mr. Nixon's non-cultural revolution." It is stated there that "for basic science, the overriding question is which part of the federal government's machinery will be empowered to urge that there should be a continuing federal commitment for basic research, especially at the universities."

Any scientist engaged in applied research will testify that his work is rooted in basic studies, whose immediate practical value may often have been negligible. The basic scientists are usually the teachers, some of whose students move to applied fields while others continue in basic studies, in research.

No farmer would be considered sane who did not carefully choose the best available seed from which to grow his crops; and who prevented the preparation of seed for next year's crop. The continuity of basic research in Israel is analogous to the continuing selection and preservation of such seed.

Basic research, in which Israel's scientific product is firmly rooted, could quite easily be legislated out of existence, or reduced to the condition of a museum specimen. To do this would be to imperil the scientific future of Israel.

AVIVAH ZUKERMAN
Professor of Parasitology,
The Hebrew University
London (Jerusalem), February 15.

Giving monkeys hashish

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With regard to the recently reported use of monkeys and rats injected with drugs in a demonstration before local high school students, we agree completely with the objective of the plan — which is to prevent teenagers from using drugs. But we strongly condemn the methods used as unethical, unjust, and in fact unscientific.

Far from achieving the desired ends, the "show" is, in many cases, likely to coarsen and brutalize the minds of impressionable young people; others, those with a serious, critical and scientific trend of mind, may easily question the analogies implied by the experiment. There is no reason why the film media should not be used to present intelligent and properly planned demonstrations, instead of subjecting scores of animals to pain and death in order to present a "live" show without proper scientific auspices.

We strongly condemn the use of animals for classes below university level, since not all youngsters have the maturity or ability to sift out the correct deductions. Of course constructive care of animals is an elementary school lesson, and is very different and most commendable.

In the same sense, we strongly protest the continued poisoning of dogs and cats by the Jerusalem Municipality, which uses strychnine — a poison now banned by most civilized countries, and for which painless substitutes are now available. The night of animals, frequently pets, dying in agony — often in the owners' gardens — can have profound emotional effects on children. It is precisely these minds and emotions which we must reach intelligently and positively if we wish to achieve the ends so proudly but unethically pursued by the organizers of the "sensational" hashish experiments.

HILDA FREIDSTEIN, Secretary
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Tel Aviv, February 20.

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